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SUBJECT: JLP ASKS GOVERNMENT FOR PARTICULARS ON THE  
PENTHOUSE ARTICLE

REF: STATE 262820

1. ON NOVEMBER 15, FORMER PRIME MINISTER HUGH SHEARER  
TABLED A SERIES OF QUESTIONS IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCERNING THE GOVERNMENT'S -- AND THE PRIME  
MINISTER'S -- KNOWLEDGE REGARDING SEVERAL OF THE ASSERTIONS  
CONTAINED IN THE PENTHOUSE ARTICLE, "MURDER AS USUAL".  
THE QUESTIONS SOUGHT INFORMATION REGARDING THE FOLLOWING  
ALLEGATIONS:

(A) THAT THE SECURITY FORCES HAD SEIZED 500 SUB-MACHINE  
GUNS ALLEGEDLY BEING SMUGGLED INTO JAMAICA BY CIA;

(B) THAT THE SECURITY FORCES HAD SEIZED 95 AMERICAN-MADE  
GUNS BEING SMUGGLED INTO JAMAICA IN A SECOND INCIDENT;

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(C) THAT CIA HAS SUBORNED JAMAICAN SECURITY PERSONNEL;

(D) THAT PRIME MINISTER MICHAEL MANLEY HAD BEEN  
THE TARGET OF AN ABORTIVE ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT BY A  
UNIT OF THE JAMAICA DEFENCE FORCE (JDF); AND

(E) THAT MANLEY HAD BEEN THE TARGET OF ANOTHER

UNSUCCESSFUL ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT EMPLOYING GUNMEN  
IMPROPERLY RELEASED FROM DETENTION.

2. SHEARER'S QUESTIONS, TABLED ON BEHALF OF THE  
OPPOSITION PARTY, FOLLOW A SERIES OF PRESS EDITORIALS  
CALLING ON THE PRIME MINISTER TO AFFIRM OR DENY THE  
ACCURACY OF VARIOUS PENTHOUSE ALLEGATIONS ON WHICH  
PRESUMABLY THE GOVERNMENT WOULD HAVE FIRM KNOWLEDGE.

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